

Notice of Allowability	Application N .	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/20/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 7/20/04 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>7/20/04</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benoit Castel on 1/12/05. The amendments are to be applied to

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 3; insert --Field of the Invention--.

after line 5; insert --Background of the Invention--.

Page 2, after line 22; insert --Summary of the Invention--.

line 6 of the specification replace [abovementioned] with --above-mentioned--.

On page 3 line 26 of the specification replace [Claim 1] with --claims--.

Page 3, after line 32; insert --Brief Description of the Drawing--.

line 32 of the specification replace [abovementioned Claim 1] with --claims--.

Page 4, after line 7; insert --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

line 18 of the specification replace [owing] with --due--.

Page 5, line 9 of the specification following “tie-knot,” insert --having a cavity 4,--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1, line 8 replace [the] with --a--.

line 8 replace [itself] with --clip-like sleeve--.

line 8 remove [said].

lines 8-9 replace [the said] with --a--.

lines 11-12 remove [, emerging from it perpendicularly,].

lines 11-12 following “or more,” insert --perpendicular extending--.

line 12 remove [said].

line 14 remove [said].

line 15 remove [said].

line 17 remove [said].

lines 17 following “contain” and following “manner” insert --,--.

lines 17-18 replace [supporting thereon] with --and--.

line 18 remove [abovementioned].

lines 18-19 replace [passed through by] with --which has--.

lines 19 following “(5p)” insert --passed therethrough--.

line 21 remove [said].

Claim 2, line 2 remove [said].

line 4 remove [said].

line 4 replace [clip-on] with --clip-like--.

line 5 replace [inside it] with --therein--.

Claim 3, line 1 replace [Tie] with --Decorative tie--.

line 2 remove [said].

line 3 replace [cover- piece] with --cover-piece--.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 and its dependent claims are allowed since claim 1 specifically requires a three part clasp that are fitted in a specified manner which is not taught or suggested in the prior art in combinations with a decorative tie.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kawamura (US 4,504,979), Knight Jr. (US 5,035,002), Dorkin

(US 5,216,757), DeLuca (US 6,363,533), and Chen (US 5,778,453) each discloses a tie with an attachment for use of a knot.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew W. Sutton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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